

lines, it is respectfully submitted that column 1, lines 24-28 does not specifically teach such a distribution system, as noted, but primarily in cabling systems that are part of the infrastructure of buildings.

The Examiner also points to Stanescu at column 4, lines 16-22 for the alleged teaching of the plurality of connection lines each provided with two ends, with single or multiple cords. It is respectfully submitted that the passage to which applicant has been directed, does not teach such plurality of connection lines. Instead, the passage discusses transponders and transponder reader antenna.

The Examiner also suggests that Stanescu, at column 4, lines 15-27 teaches the use of connector plugs at each end of each line capable of performing, writing and reading operations without contact. However, Stanescu, in discussing reading and “programming” functions refers to a field programmer unit (FPU) which do not appear to be the same units as the connector plugs. As clearly indicated in Fig. 1 of Stanescu, the field programming unit (FPU) is a separate electrical component that stands separate and apart and performs independent functions from the connector plugs of the type disclosed, for example, in Fig. 3 of this application, at reference numeral 9a and 9b. There is a little or no disclosure in Stanescu with regard to the specific nature of the field programming unit (FPU), with an exception of the passage, column 4, lines 23-28 and Fig. 2 of Stanescu, that suggests that the FPU is an installer’s tool. Little or no other information is provided. However, whether or not it is a tool or a substantial stand alone piece of electronic equipment, it is clear that is not part of the optical connector plug as required by the subject claims 1 and 4.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that Examiner's rejection on the basis of obviousness is not a proper *prima facie* rejection and it is respectfully submitted that the primary reference fails to teach an important feature of the claimed invention. As such, even a combination of the two applied references would still fail to result in the invention as claimed. Further or additional changes or modifications would need to be made to rejected claims 1 and 4 that would entail inventive input and such input would not be obvious without the teachings and hindsight of the subject application. The rejections appear to be hindsight reconstructions of the claims and there is no teachings or suggestions in either one of the references for once skilled in the art to make these additional modifications or revisions.

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 4 clearly and patentably distinguish over the applied prior art. The remaining claims depend directly on presumably allowable claims 1 and 4 and should be allow the allowance thereof.

This application appears to be in condition for allowance. Early allowance and issuance is, accordingly, respectfully solicited.

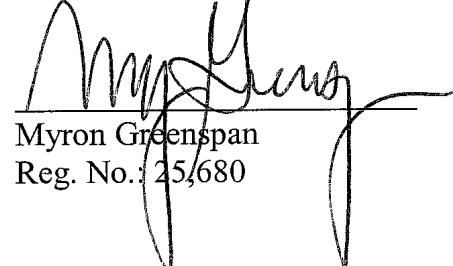
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